

MAY 13, 2018
SUNDAY OF THE BLIND MAN

Martyrs killed by the Latins at the Iveron Monastery on Mt. Athos

Georgian monks began to settle on Mt. Athos in the middle of the 10th century, and a Georgian monastery, Iveron, was founded there not long after.

At that time foreign armies were constantly invading Mt. Athos. In the 13th century the Crusaders stormed through the region, and between 1259 and 1306 the pope's private army devastated Mt. Athos several times. Monks of Zographou and Vatopedi monasteries and the Protaton were martyred for the Orthodox Faith, and the monks of the Iveron Monastery eventually met the same fate.

During this period Georgian and Greek ascetics labored together at the Iveron Monastery, and many young ascetics of the new generation began to arrive from Georgia.

The Crusaders demanded that the Iveron monks convert to Catholicism and acknowledge the primacy of the Roman pope. But the monks condemned their fallacies and anathematized the doctrine of the Catholics.

According to the Patericon of Athos, the Iveron monks were forcibly expelled from their monastery. Nearly two hundred elderly monks were goaded like animals onto a ship that was subsequently sunk in the depths of the sea. The younger, healthier monks were deported to Italy and sold as slaves to the Jews.

Some sources claim this tragedy took place in the year 1259, while others record that the Georgian monks of the Holy Mountain were subject to the Latin persecutions over the course of four years, from 1276 to 1280.

Text and Image from <https://oca.org/saints/lives/2018/05/13/205449-martyrs-killed-by-the-latins-at-the-iveron-monastery-on-mt-athos>



The disciples were called Christians first in Antioch (Acts II:26)



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CHRIST IS RISEN!

Tone 5

Eothinon 8 - St. John 20:11-18

Epistle: Acts 16:16-34

Gospel: St. John 9:1-38

**CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING DOWN DEATH
BY DEATH, AND UPON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE.**

RESURRECTION TROPARION - Tone 5 - Let us believers praise and worship the Word, coeternal with the Father and the Spirit, born of the Virgin for our salvation; for He took pleasure in ascending the Cross in the flesh, to suffer death, and to raise the dead by his glorious resurrection!

TODAY: Orthros, 8:45 am & Divine Liturgy, 10 am
Coffee Hour, Sunday School, and Teens after Liturgy



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



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Fr Noah & Fr James are available for hospital visits. If you or anyone you know is in the hospital or homebound and would like a visit, please call the church office.

Weekly Ministries & Stewards:

	This Week:	Next Week (May 20):
PROSPHORA BREAD:	Tadesse	---
EPISTLE READER:	Sdn David Hyatt	Rdr Justin
ALTAR CANDLES:	Tinjale	Bushelli
GREETERS:	Jim & Doris Eggers	Teen SOYO
CLEANING TEAM:	Hyatt Family	Chris & Natalia
COFFEE HOUR:	Men of St. Philip	---

Everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after the Divine Liturgy. Your assistance in cleanup is appreciated.

COFFEE HOUR SPONSORS NEEDED! Several upcoming weeks do not have sponsors - can you take a turn?



Mark Your Calendar:

Pentecost

Sunday, May 27 - Kneeling Prayers, 1 p.m.

Blood Drive

Wednesday, May 30, 2-7pm

Apostles' Fast

June 4-29

Ss. Peter & Paul

June 29

High School Graduate Recognition

Sunday, June 10

Parish Life Conference

June 27 - July 1

Vacation Church School

July 30 - Aug 3

International Food Festival

September 21-22

Pray For:

Living	Departed
James E Vladimir R Christine S Angela G Mary K R Maxime John D Lasha B Otari B Daniel H Elizabeth D Gloria Mat. Linda D Mark L Stephanie R Herman E M. Emiliani Mebrat Yorgo Barbara M.	Dumitru Claudiu Zafer
Thomas, Elizabeth, & all Missionaries Syria, Ethiopia, Egypt & unstable lands	St. Nina's List Catechumens Expectant Mothers Couples engaged Joseph G. Faith Mary Michael

SAINT PHILIP'S is a "Pan-Orthodox" parish of the Antiochian Archdiocese, serving Orthodox Christians of all backgrounds in the English language. If you are a newcomer to our community, please sign our guest book, and stay with us for the Coffee Hour today. **AND, WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU AGAIN!**

Everyday Evangelist

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (Jn 20:21)

Bring a neighbor flowers and offer to help with spring clean-up.

This Week:

Monday, May 14: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon

Tuesday, May 15: Matushka Olga Sewing Club, 11 a.m.
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Paschal VESPERS, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16: LEAVE-TAKING OF PASCHA
Paschal ORTHROS, 10 a.m.

AT HOLY ASCENSION,
WEST CHESTER

VIGIL for Ascension, 4:45 p.m.
LITURGY for Ascension, 6:30 p.m.
Potluck meal to follow.

Thursday, May 17: ASCENSION OF OUR LORD
SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon
Philokalia Reading Group, 12:30 p.m.
Great VESPERS, 3 p.m.

Friday, May 18: SIXTH HOUR, 12 noon – *Fast Day*

Saturday, May 19: Bible Study: Sacrifice in Scripture, 4:30 p.m.
VESPERS at 6 p.m., Confession, 7 p.m.
Bible Bowl Practice, 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 20: THE FATHERS OF THE 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL
ORTHROS 8:35 a.m., Churching (Sawicki), 9:50
Divine LITURGY 10 a.m.
Sunday School, Teens, & Coffee Hour.
Parish Council, 12:45 pm

OUTREACH COLLECTION: Skin Care Products.

WISDOM FROM FATHER B.: Count your blessings everyday. I do.

ATTENDANCE: At Vespers on May 5: 42 Divine Services on May 6: 190
OFFERINGS: Candles, \$216. Collections, \$924.50. Youth, \$1. Book Shelf, \$41. Camping Fund, \$275. Cemetery Fund, \$5. Food for Hungry, \$119.29. Special gifts, \$600. Stewardship, \$6,315. Total received: \$8,496.79.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY